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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6045**
Naoki NAGAHARA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_1328A
Serial No. 10/591,164 : Group Art Unit 4173
Filed August 30, 2006 : Examiner Paul W. Dickinson
STABLE CAPSULE PREPARATION : **Mail Stop: Amendment**

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated November 7, 2007.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for species.

Regarding the first election requirement, Applicants elect lansoprazole, or an optically active isomer thereof or a salt thereof in claim 10 as a single species.

Regarding the second election requirement, Applicants elect a capsule whose main component is not a gelatin containing polyethylene glycol.

Regarding the third election requirement, Applicants elect a capsule whose component is a water-soluble polysaccharide.

Regarding the fourth election requirement, Applicants elect a capsule whose main component is pullulan.

Regarding the fifth election requirement, Applicants elect a capsule preparation which comprises at least two kinds of granules.


Regarding the sixth election requirement, Applicants elect a capsule preparation which comprises granules having a coating.

The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-12, 15 and 17-24.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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